

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for indicating the status of a video apparatus, comprising:  
a power indicator illumination; and

5 a user interface operative to allow a user to selectively illuminate the power indicator illumination when the video apparatus is powered on.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein even when the power indicator illumination has been selected by the user to not be illuminated when the video apparatus is powered on, the power indicator illumination can still be illuminated to provide information to the user regarding operating status of the video apparatus.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the illumination is at least one light emitting diode (LED).

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises an on-screen menu.

5. The system of claim 4 further comprising a microprocessor for controlling the illumination in response to information entered by the user on the on-screen menu.

6. The system of claim 2, wherein the illumination blinks at a plurality of different speeds, each speed indicating a different one of a plurality of operating status of the video apparatus.

7. The system of Claim 2, wherein the operating status of the video apparatus comprising at least one of following conditions: non-operating projection lamp and cooling down of projection lamp.

8. A method of controlling the power indicator illumination of an apparatus, comprising the steps of:

illuminating the power indicator illumination of the apparatus when the apparatus is powered on; and

providing a user interface for allowing a user to selectively turn the power indicator illumination off, even when the apparatus is powered on.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of allowing a microprocessor to illuminate the power indicator illumination of the apparatus, even if the user has selected to turn the power indicator illumination off.

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